



THE HAITIAN PROJECT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Haitian Project, at its heart, is an organization based on service. As a Catholic mission, the Project commits to living out the Gospel values of love, compassion, justice, and solidarity. We are called to build up and encourage one another through our actions and words. To offer support and hope in times of need. We are called to be a community.

In 2023, the community at Louverture Cleary School (LCS) outside of Port-au-Prince dedicated themselves to the common vision of a brighter future for Haiti, worked together, and ensured that The Haitian Project’s mission continued to succeed despite the historic challenges facing their country. At the same time, The Haitian Project’s U.S. community rose to the occasion and achieved a historic fundraising year, building a foundation of

support to help ensure that more children in Haiti will have access to a transformative Louverture Cleary education.

The support, dedication, and encouragement of the broader Haitian Project community remains vital now, and it will only be more so when the crisis of the moment has passed.

Haiti needs more servant-leaders who not only have the commitment but also the tools necessary to build up their country, creating the positive, long-term change that Haiti needs. This year’s report celebrates them and the countless others at Louverture Cleary School who persevered so that the LCS light could continue to shine through the darkness.

Because Haiti needs more Louverturians.

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2023 Annual Report

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Charism of The Haitian Project

Drawing on Pope John Paul II's clear teachings on the spirituality and purpose of human labor, The Haitian Project community has grounded itself in the spiritual and practical reality that work is both internally and externally transformative. Through our commitment to working first and foremost for the benefit of others, we have learned that we can improve ourselves and the world around us simultaneously.

By living our specific Charism, we have discovered that work done voluntarily for the benefit of others is a powerful, grace-filled catalyst for personal metanoia and environmental change. In this context, the success of our labor not only increases our sense of personal dignity and transforms the world around us, but it also deepens our trust in God and our willingness to serve.

Led by the Holy Spirit and enabled by the abundant gifts He provides, we have discovered that work done voluntarily by a community of people drawn from all sectors of society acting in unison creates a quality of solidarity reminiscent of the early Christian communities recorded in Acts.

Like the early Christian communities, our community has flourished since we accepted our specific Charism of working for others [Christian Service] and began living intentionally in accordance with the following three principles:

What we receive for free, we must give for free. [Mathew 10:8] This is the basic motto of our community—it is the fundamental call to service.

If anyone is unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. [Second Thessalonians 3:10] This principle is not merely about survival, it is about fulfilling our responsibilities as social beings and to one another. In a community, everyone is to be personally industrious. We are all called to work and produce. We are not to live solely off the labors of others if we are capable of making a contribution ourselves. We are also reminded that as Christian brothers and sisters we belong to one another. When we fulfill our personal responsibility to a community, we become a catalyst for justice and charity.

If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. [Mark 9:35] This gives direction to our zeal for service. It sends us to serve the weakest and most marginalized. We capture this concept in the Kreyòl phrase "tet amba". Usually this means "upside down" or "chaos", but to us it is the reminder to pass below and support from the bottom up.

We are also reminded that "our" work is part of a plan beyond our comprehension. Humbly recognizing that all good things come from God, we accept that work with God requires letting go of ourselves and our pride. While leadership and chain of command are important, all must participate equally in the work since we have the same duty and the same dignity before God.

Hearing the call to join this community and live this Charism, we have a choice to respond with a simple "yes" for a period of weeks, years, or a lifetime.

Years of work and spiritual conversion inspired this statement of the Project's Charism which for so long has guided our mission and service to others in Haiti and in the U.S. This expression of our Charism was composed by then-President Patrick Moynihan in collaboration with members of the THP Community and embraced formally and unanimously by the Board of Directors on February 20, 2010 as the expression of the Project's unique, God-given spiritual identity. The Board of Directors voted additionally on February 20, 2010 that this Charism would best be nurtured by seeking formal recognition as an association of the lay faithful. In June of 2010, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, formally recognized The Haitian Project as an association of the lay faithful in his diocese, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, where the Project was born as an organization and community.

2023: a historic year for The Haitian Project

In 2023, The Haitian Project achieved a historic fundraising year which will allow the Project to forge ahead with ambitious plans to ensure that more children in Haiti have access to a Louverture Cleary School (LCS) education.

The Haitian Project realized five major fundraising accomplishments in 2023:

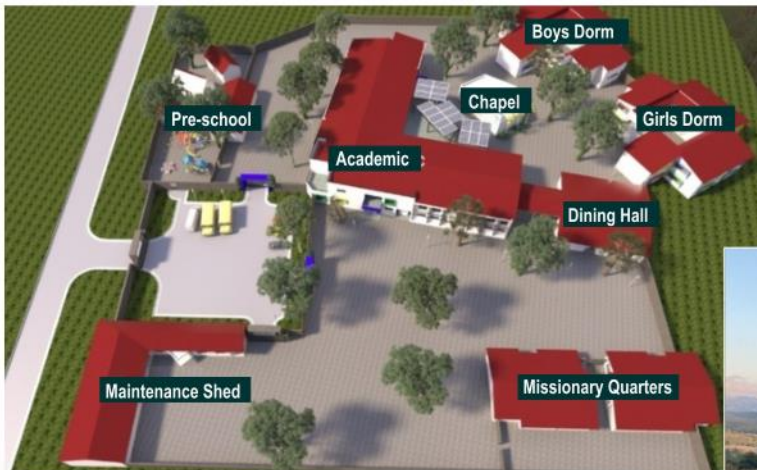
- Its largest single capital campaign pledge — \$2 million;
- Its largest grant from an institutional funder — \$300,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, funding that will not only help the Project maintain its existing initiatives but will also provide a foundation for future growth in the expansion of the LCS Network;
- Its first year the Annual Fund exceeded \$2 million;
- Its most successful online fundraising campaign, the Back to School campaign, which raised \$84,000 — almost triple its goal of \$30,000;
- And its largest matching donation — \$200,000.

...and the Louverture Cleary Schools Network!

Despite challenges in 2023, the first phase of construction on The Haitian Project's second school — the Model Campus in Haiti's Diocese of Gonaïves — is complete!

What's more, the grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation will help ensure continued growth, providing support to the flagship LCS campus outside of Port-au-Prince to develop the essential staff who will go on to open the Model Campus and future schools.

With the identification of a third site for an additional LCS in Haiti's southern peninsula in the Diocese of Anse-à-Veau and Miragoâne, the Louverture Cleary Schools Network — the unprecedented national system of 10 tuition-free, top-notch Catholic secondary schools forming Haiti's future servant-leaders — will ultimately increase continued access to quality education outside of the nation's capital.



The Model Campus in Haiti's Plateau Central, in the Diocese of Gonaïves, reimagines an ideal physical campus that positively integrates into local communities and will be replicated across Haiti.



The initial structures on the Model Campus, including the residence buildings that will house missionary volunteers and LCS staff, are complete.



The site for LCS 3 in Haiti's southern peninsula in the Diocese of Anse-à-Veau and Miragoâne is a historical site, given to the Catholic Church by President Alexandre Pétiion in the early 19th century.

OUR MISSION

The Haitian Project through its support of Louverture Cleary Schools, a national network of tuition-free, Catholic, co-educational secondary boarding schools in Haiti, provides for the education of academically-talented and motivated students from Haitian families who cannot afford the cost of their children's education in order to maximize their potential and enable them to work toward building a Haiti where justice and peace thrive.

GOALS

- † To support the secondary and post-secondary education of students of all faiths through an academically-challenging program in a Catholic community rooted in service to others.
- † To increase access to quality education throughout the entire country of Haiti through a national system of 10 Louverture Cleary Schools, one in each governmental department of Haiti.
- † To provide a robust community of Missionary Teachers, reflecting the diversity of God's children, who help ensure that each school community is formed in the Charism of The Haitian Project.
- † To contribute to a culture that nurtures students intellectually, spiritually and physically, fostering in them a concern for the environment and global community through the direct contribution of the Missionary Community and the consistent and meaningful involvement of the greater Haitian Project community.
- † To promote the advancement of women by supporting educational opportunities that encourage young women to continue their education and be role models for others.
- † To encourage in graduates of Louverture Cleary Schools the desire and the motivation to remain in Haiti and to work not only for self-improvement, but for the betterment of all Haitians.
- † To promote the development and enhancement of leadership qualities in students, preparing them to make social and economic contributions to their community and their country.
- † To promote career and post-secondary educational opportunities for students in Haiti, especially through the support of direct scholarships to at least half of each graduating class.
- † To collaborate with other agencies or religious organizations who are committed to similar ideals for Haiti.
- † To increase awareness in the United States of the current reality of the Haitian people, as well as their hope for the future.

HIGHLIGHTS: celebrations from 2023

Happy 35th Birthday, Louverture Cleary School!

Louverture Cleary School (LCS) began as a response to one of the greatest needs in Haiti: education. Once just a school with a handful of students and big dreams for the future, LCS is now one of the very best secondary programs in Haiti, feeding, housing, and educating 360 bright and enthusiastic students from some of the most economically-disadvantaged families in the Western Hemisphere. Since its opening, LCS has graduated over 800 well-educated alumni capable of serving their country to the best of their ability.

Two National Laureates and a Perfect Pass Rate

Louverture Cleary School once again upheld its reputation for academic excellence with another 100 percent pass rate for the *Katryèm* (9th grade) AND *Philo* (13th grade) state exams — particularly impressive during challenging times. These exams are necessary

for *Katryèm* students to move on to the start of the *Secondaire* (high school level) curriculum, and for *Philo* to be eligible for university acceptance. LCS's historic pass rate of 100 percent is nearly double the national rate. Additionally, the *Philo* class had two national laureates placing #3 and #5 in all of Haiti, an incredible achievement giving testament to the excellent education and formation LCS provides.

Welcoming Louverturians to the Church

Thanks to LCS's robust Campus Ministry program and dedicated religious education leaders, Louverturians received the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church in 2023. Some students took their first formal steps on their faith journey, while others continued their sacraments through LCS as they celebrated First Communion or Confirmation. Encouraging students to fully embrace their Catholic faith is just another way that LCS's Charism, or spiritual identity, is realized through service and community at the school.



The graduating class of 2023 became some of the over 800 servant-leaders who will create long-term change in Haiti.



National laureates and Class of 2023 graduates Marquez M. (left) and Joovica J. (right) visited LCS in November to encourage students.



Louverturians received the Sacrament of Confirmation at a local parish near Louverture Cleary School in July.

Letter from The Haitian Project President and Board Chair

To the Members of The Haitian Project Community,

The words of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the patron saints of The Haitian Project, teach us to find joy in little things.

She wrote: “The only thing to do on earth is to offer Our Lord the flowers of little sacrifices and win Him by our proofs of love.” Known herself as the “little flower,” she was able to find beauty in the ordinary and the mundane.

The events occurring in Haiti in the past year are far from ordinary. Political uncertainty and gang violence continue to unfold in Port-au-Prince. Everyday necessities that many of us take for granted, such as rule of law, access to food and water, and, of course, education, do not currently exist in parts of the country.

In spite of the challenges, 2023 was a year of extraordinary successes for The Haitian Project and Louverture Cleary School (LCS). First and foremost, the amazing leadership team at LCS leveraged their considerable expertise and dedication to keep the school open amidst some of the most difficult conditions in the Western Hemisphere.

As a result, LCS continued to be a lifeline to the school community and the surrounding neighborhood, remaining a beacon of hope for what Haiti can become: a country where love, justice, and progress prevail over *dezòd* (chaos).

In 2023, we saw the Annual Fund exceed \$2 million for the first time in The Haitian Project’s history, and we achieved critical fundraising milestones towards developing the Model Campus (LCS 2) in the Diocese of Gonaïves, a major goal in our strategic plan to create the 10-school Louverture Cleary Schools Network.

The success of our fundraising efforts is a testament to the timelessness of our mission: that education is the most effective way to transform the lives of individuals, communities, and even countries.

So, as we reflect on the fiscal growth of The Haitian Project and the successful academic year at LCS, and look ahead to building the LCS Network, we continue to find motivation in the “little flowers” — that over three hundred young men and women attended LCS to learn, gather in service, eat meals with one another, and grow as a community.

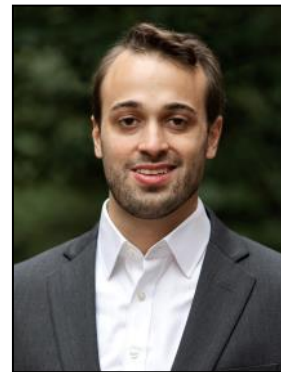
We appreciate our volunteers and donors, large and small, who continue to support us in any way that they can. And we continue to have faith that by finding joy in the everyday, we are working towards something much larger, something that will continue to shape the trajectory of our students ... and ultimately, an entire nation.



Marisa (Reese) Grondin
President — The Haitian Project



Reese Grondin, President
The Haitian Project



Tom Pesce, Board Chair
The Haitian Project



Thomas Pesce
Chair — THP Board of Directors

EDUCATION: a wise investment

With a nearly four-decade track record of successfully using education to transform the lives of children from some of the most economically-disadvantaged families in the Western Hemisphere, The Haitian Project believes that education is the best investment in Haiti.

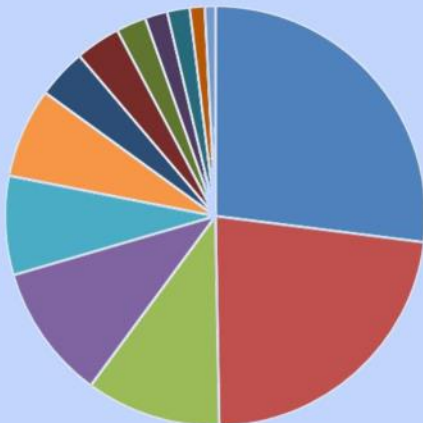
Louverture Cleary (LCS) students have consistently achieved a historic pass rate on the national exam of 100 PERCENT — nearly double the national rate — in a country where fewer than five percent of young people graduate high school.

Thanks to The Haitian Project’s robust university scholarship and career advancement programs administered by the LCS Dulcich Center for Career

Advancement, LCS graduates go on to attend university to become doctors, accountants, engineers, teachers, business owners, and more — earning an average of 10x the per-capita income just several years into their professional careers. All in a country where less than two percent of the population holds a university degree.

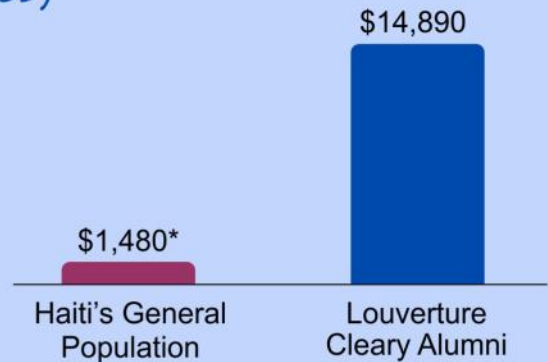
And in a country where fewer than 30 percent of college graduates stay in the country, historically nearly 90 percent of Louverture Cleary alumni are in university or in professional careers IN HAITI, committed to giving back to their communities and their country in accordance with LCS's motto: "What you receive for free, you must give for free" (Matthew 10:8).

ALUMNI FIELDS OF STUDY



- Medicine
- Finance
- Economics
- Education
- Linguistics
- Psychology & Political Science
- Tourism & Agronomy
- Administration
- Industrial Engineering
- Computer Science
- Law
- Nursing
- Accounting

ANNUAL PER-CAPITA INCOME (USD)



*3-year average

PASS RATE ON HAITI'S NATIONAL EXAMS



Louverture Cleary School - 100 percent



General Population - 47 percent

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Louverture Cleary School (LCS) students and graduates are well known for standing out among their peers. Whether being recognized for their work ethic, language skills, willingness to serve, or academic aptitude, the examples set for them at LCS are critical to their formation as Louverturians.

While dozens of individuals serve as role models for students, few play a more significant role encouraging and building up Haiti’s next generation of servant-leaders than the alumni who return to

LCS Principal Myriam J. (LCS '10)

“Louverture Cleary School has been preparing leaders for nearly forty years. Seeing these leaders in charge of the institution that trained them — and training other leaders — shows that we have confidence in our system. What’s more, Louverturian leaders have a responsibility to rebuild Haiti. An LCS education focuses on the citizen-leader. Not just intellectuals, but future leaders who will be able to fulfill a social role in the pursuit of a better Haiti. That is the education I received from LCS, and as the principal, my role is to ensure the perpetuation of the training of future leaders with the responsibility to change Haiti. LCS must continue to be a generator of conscious leaders taking concrete actions for real change.”

LCS Dean of Academics Abbigaëlle S. (LCS '18)

“Early in life, I embraced a passion for education and the development of individuals. Louverture Cleary School, the same institution that taught me to be the person I am now, also allowed me to start working in my dream profession. I realize that each student has a unique story, specific challenges, and different needs. I really enjoy witnessing the incredible moments of success of my students. My constant goal is to create an environment where students can develop their academic and personal skills in a holistic way, to continue to explore new pedagogical methods in order to help learners who are in difficulty, to remain open to changes in the field of education, and to inspire my students more to become autonomous and passionate learners. Seeing them make significant progress reminds me of the positive impact of education on lives.”



LCS Principal Myriam J. (LCS '10) with students on study break



LCS Dean of Academics Abbigaëlle S. (LCS '18) with new students during student orientation

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the school to serve as members of the staff and administration. And in a year of severe unrest in Haiti, their professionalism, courage, and sense of mission helped keep an entire community moving forward against all odds.

This year's report celebrates them and the countless others at Louverture Cleary School who persevered so that the LCS light could continue to shine through the darkness.

Widler J. (LCS '18), Computer Science Teacher and Computer Lab Monitor

“I enjoy the opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of students. Being able to contribute to their growth, both academically and personally, brings me immense satisfaction. Additionally, I appreciate the collaborative environment at LCS, where I can work alongside dedicated colleagues who share a passion for education. It's fulfilling to see students thrive and succeed under our guidance, knowing that I've played a part in their journey toward a brighter future. I envision a Haiti where its people have access to quality education, healthcare, and employment opportunities, fostering sustainable economic development and inclusive growth. As Louverturians, owing to the quality education we received at LCS, we can position Haiti for a better future. With the increasing number of Louverturian alumni each year, I believe we can significantly contribute to Haiti's rebuilding, as our motto states: 'L'union fait la force' ('Unity creates strength').”

Chrislie R. (LCS '14), Campus Minister and Religion Teacher

“Being in this role at Louverture Cleary School is one of the best things that happened in my life. I love to look out for the well-being of those around me. I try to make sure that every student knows that they are seen and cared for, that they have someone they can turn to when things go wrong. I've had the opportunity to support students who have had a hard time. It's really amazing to know that you've helped someone deal with an emotional issue or a difficult time. My education at Louverture Cleary prepared me for all the work that I am doing now. I had amazing staff and teachers that contributed to the staff I am now, and I am grateful for that.”



LCS Computer Science Teacher Widler J. (LCS '18)



LCS Campus Minister Chrislie R. (LCS '14), right, with students

Statement of Financial Position

Year Ended December 31, 2023

The Haitian Project, Inc.
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Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Unrestricted	\$ 155,421	\$ 200,412
Restricted	914,567	273,242
Total Cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,069,988</u>	<u>473,654</u>
Accounts receivable	1,184	-
Contributions receivable	264,802	101,473
Annual Fund pledges receivable	185,000	-
Capital Campaign pledges receivable	1,903,212	545,150
Property and equipment, net	-	-
Long-term Investments		
Board-Designated Endowment (General)	2,064,641	1,825,979
Post-Grad University Support Endowment	908,315	775,504
Office for External Affairs Endowment	679,868	525,456
Operating Reserve Fund	498,645	490,585
Total Long-term investments	<u>4,151,469</u>	<u>3,617,524</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,575,655</u>	<u>\$ 4,737,801</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets:		
Accounts payable	\$ 596	\$ 92
Total Liabilities	<u>596</u>	<u>92</u>
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	2,984,692	2,618,450
With donor restrictions	4,590,367	2,119,259
Total Net Assets	<u>7,575,059</u>	<u>4,737,709</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 7,575,655</u>	<u>\$ 4,737,801</u>

Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2023

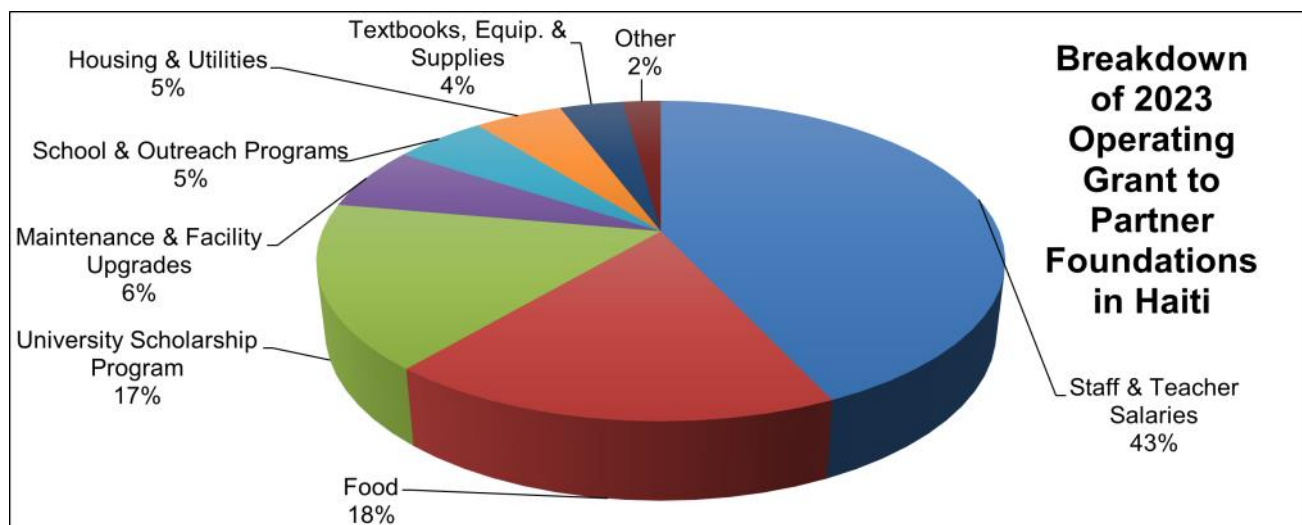
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	2023			2022
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
Revenue and Other Support:				
Contributions of cash and other financial assets	\$ 1,653,829	\$ 2,791,961	\$ 4,445,790	\$ 1,678,905
Contribution of nonfinancial assets	9,961	-	9,961	36,675
Total Contributions	1,663,790	2,791,961	4,455,751	1,715,580
Miscellaneous income	0	-	0	26
Interest income	1,613	-	1,613	173
Investment income	340,321	210,874	551,195	(549,372)
Net assets released from restrictions	531,727	(531,727)	-	-
Total Revenue and other support	2,537,451	2,471,108	5,008,559	1,166,407
Expenses:				
Program services	1,538,937	-	1,538,937	1,589,852
Management and general	259,999	-	259,999	254,873
Fundraising	372,356	-	372,356	329,433
Total Expenses	2,171,292	-	2,171,292	2,174,158
Total Results from Operations	366,159	2,471,108	2,837,267	(1,007,751)
Non-Operating Activities				
Prior Period Adjustments	83	-	83	-
Total Non-Operating Activities	83	-	83	-
Change in Net Assets	366,242	2,471,108	2,837,350	(1,007,751)
Net Assets - Beginning	2,618,450	2,119,259	4,737,709	5,745,460
Net Assets - Ending	\$ 2,984,692	\$ 4,590,367	\$ 7,575,059	\$ 4,737,709

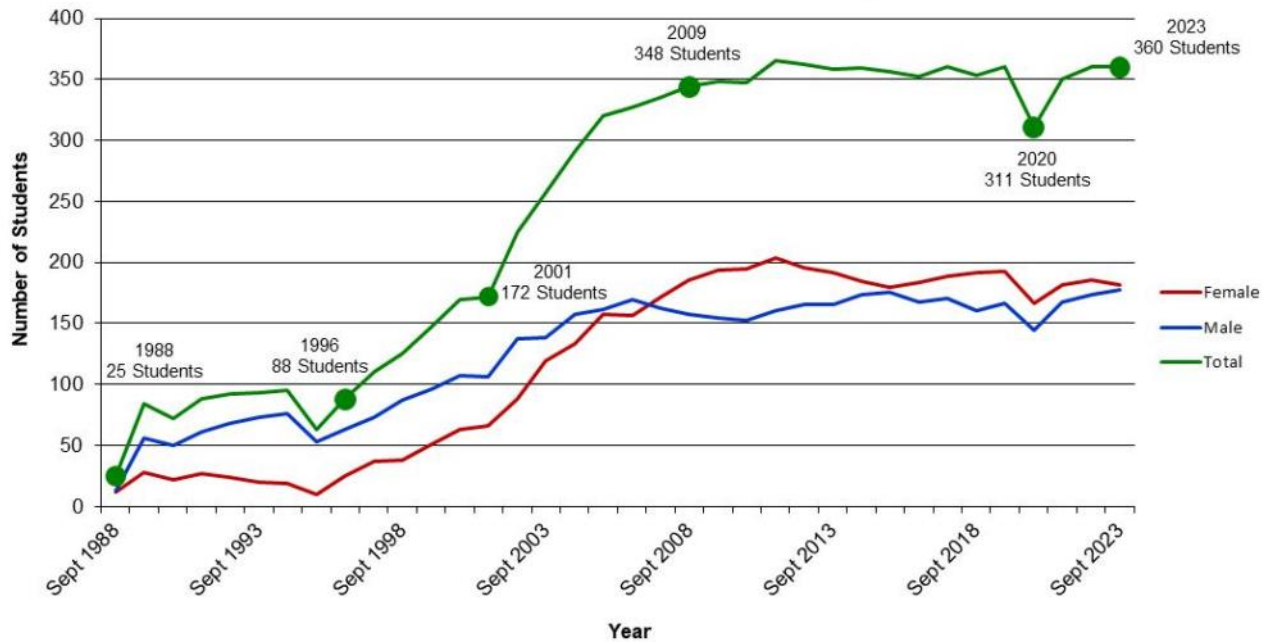
Statement of Functional Expenses

Year Ended December 31, 2023

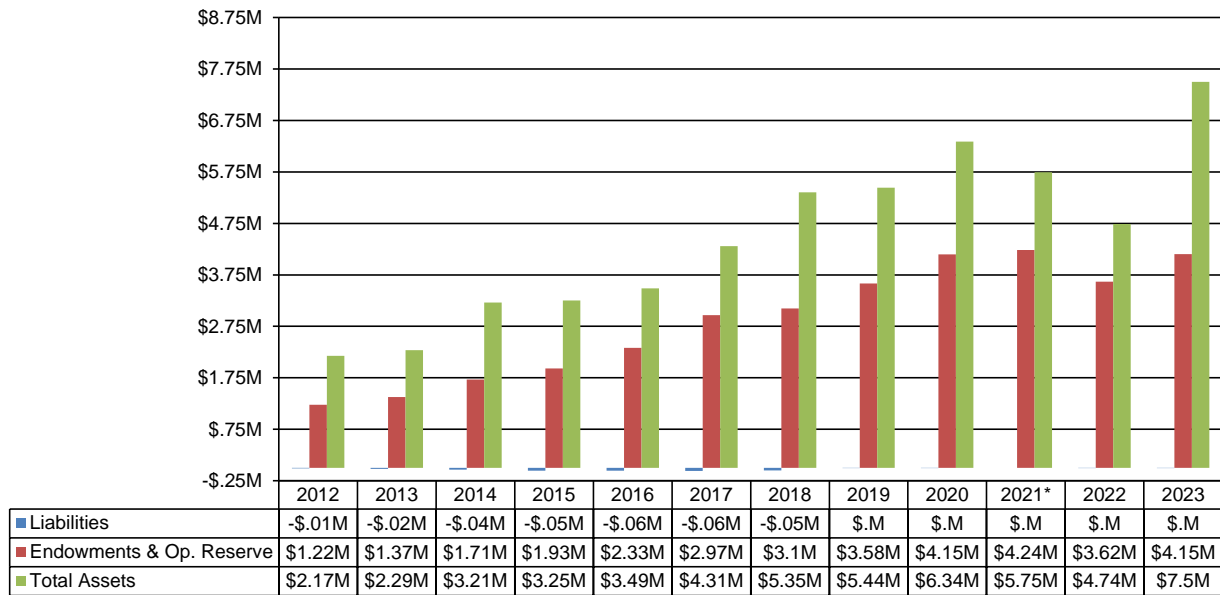
	Program	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Personnel				
Salaries and Taxes	\$ 277,785	\$ 166,428	\$ 256,103	\$ 700,316
Employee Benefits	62,444	26,935	55,933	145,312
Total	340,229	193,363	312,036	845,628
Operating and Designated Funds				
Advertising & Promotion	-	-	2,014	2,014
Community & School Progs. & Outreach	11,483	1,500	-	12,983
Facility Maintenance, Furniture	-	200	-	200
Fees (Bank, Donation Processing, Services)	546	3,203	8,635	12,384
Fees for Services (Accounting, Legal)	8,508	20,287	-	28,795
Grant to Partner Fdtns in Haiti - Operating	1,053,775	-	-	1,053,775
Grant to Partner Fdtns in Haiti - Capital	88,500	-	-	88,500
Grants to Other Organizations	5,000	-	-	5,000
Insurance	3,317	5,501	-	8,818
LCS Schools Network	2,458	-	-	2,458
Media Subscriptions	330	441	-	771
Missionary In-Country Community	1,624	-	-	1,624
Occupancy	12,614	14,693	8,040	35,347
Postage	-	1,338	2,932	4,270
Printing	-	437	13,888	14,325
Professional Development	649	487	427	1,563
Staff Search	-	-	-	-
Supplies	1,000	2,021	1,888	4,909
Tech Services & Upgrades	2,944	5,137	3,460	11,541
Telephone & Internet	3,097	2,980	2,801	8,878
Travel, Meetings & Events	2,863	8,411	13,235	24,509
Uncollectible Pledges	-	-	3,000	3,000
Total	1,198,708	66,636	60,320	1,325,664
Grand Total	\$ 1,538,937	\$ 259,999	\$ 372,356	\$ 2,171,292



Student Enrollment at Louverture Cleary School



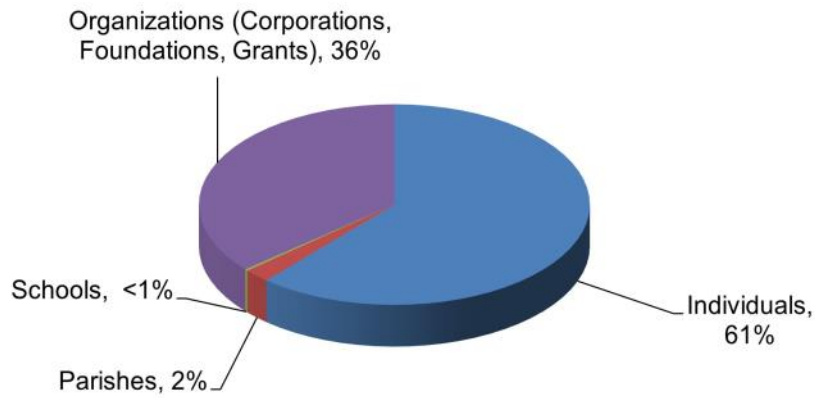
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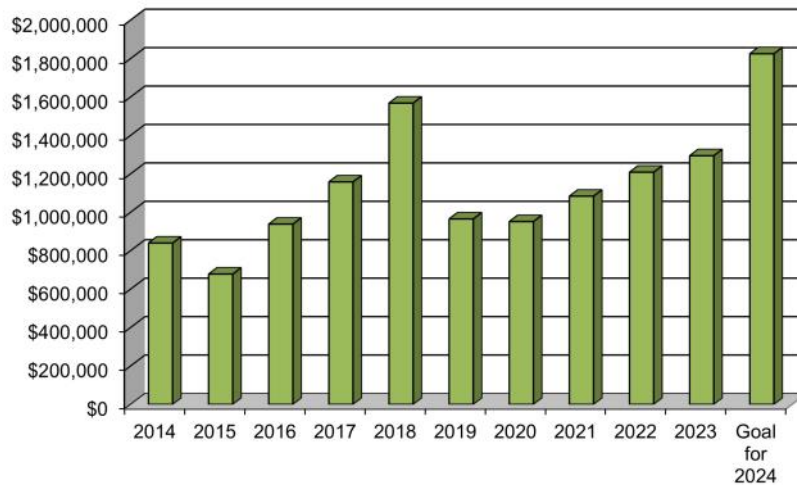
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*In 2015, The Haitian Project began the process of establishing two Haitian nonprofits to create the appropriate structures for the development of a nationwide system of Louverture Cleary Schools, Fondation Haitian Project and Fondation Educative Louverture Cleary. The foundations are responsible for the direct management of school programs and the related physical plants. The Haitian Project continues to oversee and fund its activities in Haiti through its partnership with them. In 2021, the financial books of the partner entities were separated from THP’s. As part of that change, THP transferred \$671,956 in fixed assets, cash, receivable and liability balances to the Foundations’ books.

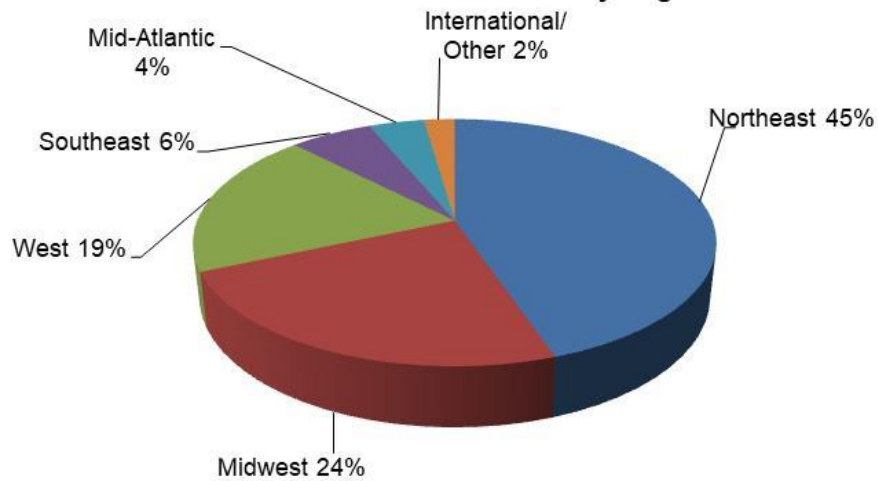
2023 Annual Fund Contributions by Community



History of Annual Fund Support from Individuals



2023 Annual Fund Contributions by Region



Celebrating and Inspiring Haiti's Young Women

The Louverture Cleary School (LCS) community has always been counterculture in Haiti, modeling the change it wants to see in the country. The school was a trailblazer in ensuring girls had access to secondary education in the Port-au-Prince area by implementing policies early on that led to gender parity in its student body. Historically, boys in Haiti were more likely to be enrolled in school and granted job opportunities while girls were often relegated to working in the home. In 1996, the LCS student body was only 15 percent female.

School leadership addressed this disparity by implementing an affirmative action policy, ensuring that at least 40 percent of each incoming class was female. Within only a few years, it became far less necessary to adjust the admission process as word spread about the success of the school's female students. More girls applied to LCS each year, and since 2006, the student body has been slightly over 50 percent female.

Throughout the years, the "Celebrate Women" program has provided seminars and retreats for the empowerment of female students led by the strong

female leaders in the LCS staff, junior staff, and U.S. volunteer missionary community. Empowering themes, mantras, songs, talks, and activities help girls to develop self-confidence, build teamwork, and grow as leaders.

A parallel program at LCS called "Man Up" also helps ensure that male students view their female counterparts as capable individuals and equals.

Ultimately, the slogan for the 2023 retreat says it best: "I am beautiful, smart, talented — and that makes me the BEST, and no one can take that from me."



Girls in the Rheto (12th Grade) and Philo (13th Grade) classes make friendship bracelets as an activity during a Celebrate Women retreat.

Gathering as a Community of Faith

At the heart of Louverture Cleary School is the Catholic faith. As a community of faith, LCS gathers throughout the year for all-school Masses to commemorate certain holy days and school milestones.

Mass is facilitated by Campus Minister Chrislie R. (LCS '14) and the student leaders in the LCS Spiritual Club. Students contribute by singing in the choir, reading, and participating in the liturgy. Students also present liturgical dance as part of the Mass (pictured right). The children in the *Koukouy Sen Klè* (Fireflies of Saint Clare) early childhood development program join as well, following the example set by the older students.

A key part of The Haitian Project's Charism, or spiritual identity, LCS's faith formation fosters servant-leaders, encouraging them to live out the school's motto of Matthew 10:8, "What you receive



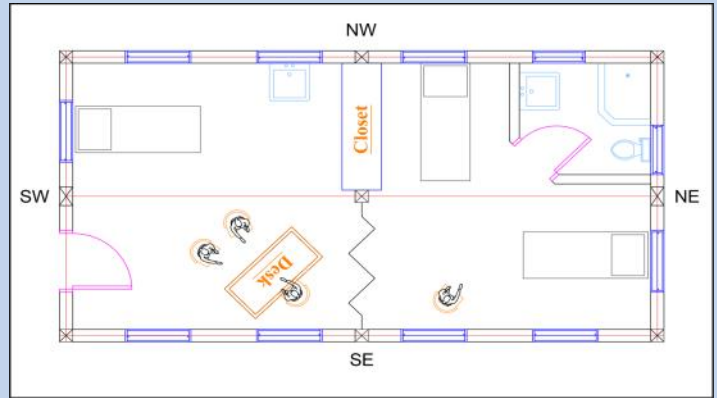
LCS gathers for Mass celebrated by Fr. Rubens Silvain of the local Scalabrini community.

for free, you must give for free." With this formation, Louverturians graduate with the desire and the motivation to remain in Haiti and to work not only for self-improvement, but for the betterment of all Haitians and their country.

Ensuring a Safe and Healthy Campus

Louverture Cleary School (LCS) is committed to providing not only an excellent academic education, but a safe and healthy campus as well. For nearly 20 years, LCS has had medical professionals regularly available, even residing on campus, for students and staff. Furthermore, every medical staff member has been an LCS alum, which is not surprising when approximately 25 percent of LCS graduates have gone on to study medicine. Plans are in the works on the flagship campus for a small new building dedicated to serving LCS's medical needs (see drawing above).

Informed by the experience gained at the LCS campus over nearly four decades, school medical care will evolve with the construction of the Model



Plans for a small new medical building on the LCS campus.

Campus and the additional campuses that will create the 10-school LCS Network. Although rare in Haiti, one day every school in the LCS Network will have facilities like the ones commonly found in U.S. schools, facilitating the wellness of Haiti's youth in both mind and body as they prepare to become the next generation of leaders in their country.

A Solar (R)evolution

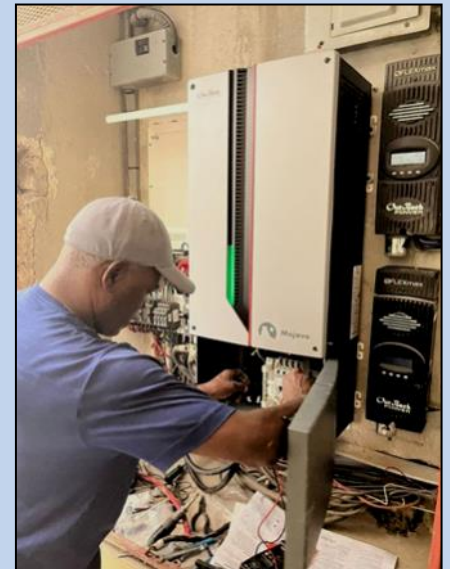
It has been almost two decades since Louverture Cleary School (LCS) installed the first solar arrays on its campus. Since then, every building has been equipped with its own system of panels, inverter, charger, and batteries.

This massive undertaking of talent and resources freed LCS from unreliable utility power and drastically reduced dependence on back-up generators. Since then, although it has been a constant struggle to keep the battery banks at optimum output, solar technology has evolved at the speed of light.

New systems are available that greatly increase efficiency and allow LCS to obtain optimum solar performance. The Radia Science Lab was the first building on campus to use paired inverters capable of delivering 220 volts, compared to the old inverters that could only produce 110 volts. The new inverters can also be paired with the latest battery technology, which is less expensive to operate and requires less maintenance than lead-acid batteries. Solar panels, too, have increased in efficiency and decreased in price.

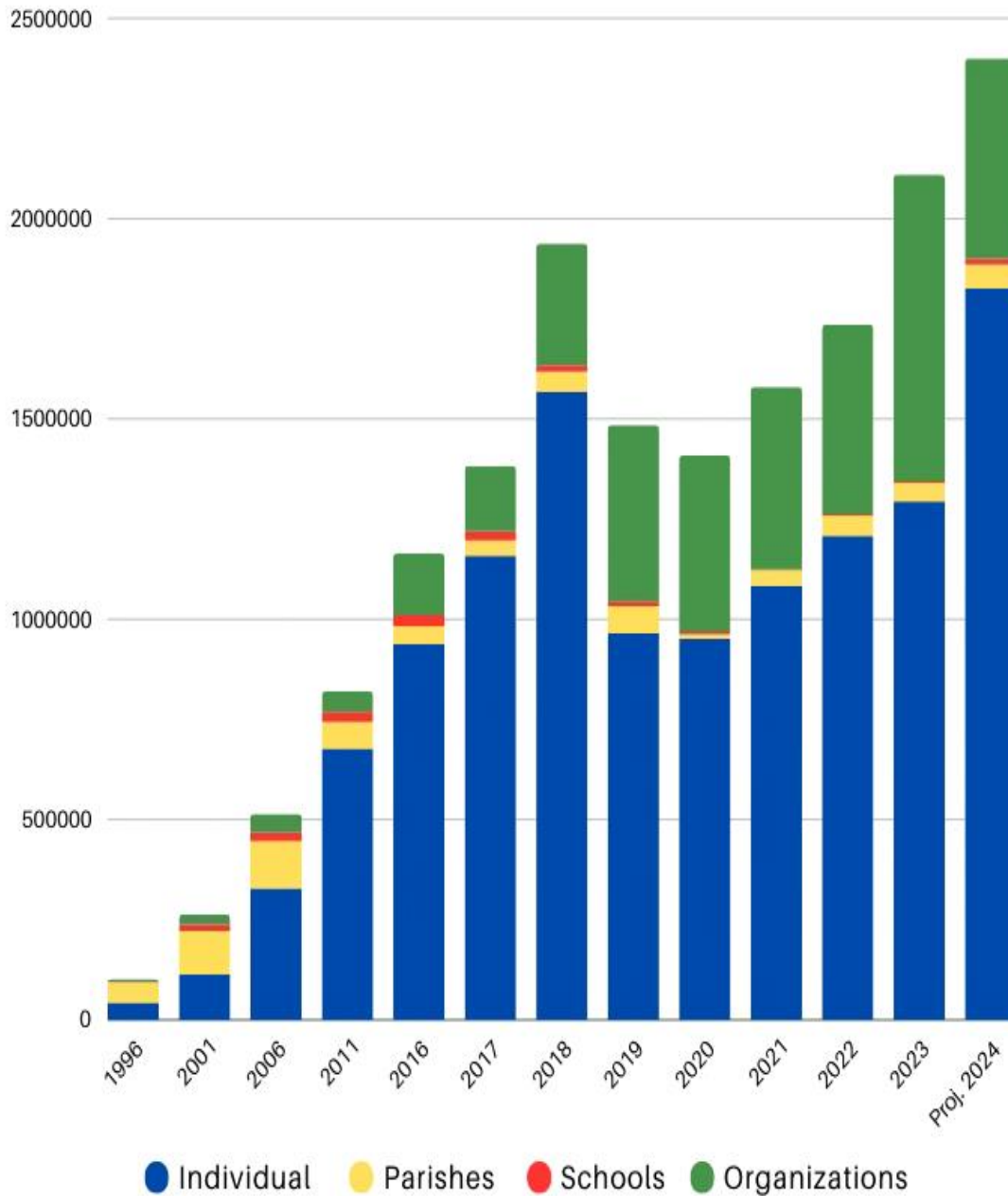
And in 2013, the east section of campus received the newest inverter—a hybrid model that combines several components into one powerful unit. This state-of-the-art model will also be used to power future campuses in the LCS Network.

As the school's commitment to environmental stewardship continues with each cycle of the sun, more improvements to the solar energy system will be made, and for years and years to come, LCS — and all campuses of the LCS Network — will be shining points of (solar) light.



A technician from Energy Central, a local Haitian company co-founded by an LCS alumnus, installing the new hybrid inverter for the Agora (library) building.

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A BOLD CURRICULUM: exceeding expectations

Louverture Cleary School (LCS) has been an innovator and trendsetter in Haiti since its opening nearly four decades ago, showing educational vision in a curriculum that doesn't just adhere to the Haitian Ministry of Education's requirements, it exceeds them.

Ahead of its time, LCS included art, music and sport across its four-year secondary curriculum, long before the Ministry's 2023 requirements for schools to do so. This innovative approach not only promoted students' physical and mental well-being, but also enhanced their creativity, artistic expression, and teamwork skills.

LCS was also ahead of the Ministry's 2017 mandate to include economics across the four-year

secondary curriculum in Haiti. Economics had been a capstone course for *Philo* (13th grade) students at LCS since 2012. With the 2017 mandate, LCS simply made additions to its already thriving program. Additionally, in 2021 LCS began incorporating accounting and finance in the curriculum. These bold decisions reflected the school's goal to prepare its students to have the essential skills to understand the workings of the Haitian and global economy, as well as to make informed decisions in their professional and personal lives.

LCS's robust educational curriculum sets a strong foundation in preparing alumni to build a brighter future for themselves and their country.



Past Head of School Ernst V., who was instrumental in developing the music program at LCS, teaching a music class in 2019; Ernst passed away in 2023.



Members of the Louverture Cleary School girls soccer team confer with their coaches during a friendly match with a neighborhood team from the LCS Outreach Program.

2023 GRADUATES: a model for future Louverturians

Like their recent predecessors, the Class of 2023 endured extremely challenging times in their country. Louverture Cleary School's (LCS) 28th graduating class persevered through increasing instability, to support and encourage one another. Their academic success included a national laureate in 2019 with a student having the TOP SCORE on the *Katryèm* (9th grade) state exam, and in 2023 their class had TWO national laureates placing #3 and #5 in all of Haiti on the baccalaureate exam.

As LCS Economics Department Head Djim G. (LCS '14) reflected: "I have had the privilege of witnessing the unique qualities of this graduating class that set them apart. They will be remembered for their intellectual curiosity and their optimistic and proactive approach when facing new challenges. Their commitment to community service and their tireless efforts to uplift those around them will definitely leave a mark to guide the future generations of LCS."



"My hope for Haiti's future is to have educated people, because education is the first step towards development. If we ever want to rebuild Haiti, it should start with educated citizens who are aware of their responsibilities and have the capacity to contribute to Haiti's development. I also hope that citizens have the morality to care about their neighbors, their friends, and the people around them. I believe that if Haitians have these two things (good education and morality), they will be able to find good solutions to Haiti's problems."

— Joovica Jenny J.



"Throughout my seven years at LCS I have learned many lessons, but the one which has struck the most is a celebrated sentence written on a wall at school by Mahatma Gandhi: 'Be the change you wish to see.' That sentence reflects 100 percent my life as a Haitian, because right now I know that I would like to improve or to change society. I have to start it by myself. I have to be the first and the best example; I have to be the model. I am ready so that after graduation, I shall start concretizing the change I always wish to see, which is Haiti's development."

— Roosevelt M.



"Since my childhood, I have always said that I should make my own influential mark and at the same time be an influential woman. I really want to participate in my country's development by giving a new education to the coming generation so that they can see things in a different way. This is for me the best way to achieve that goal."

— Emie Christina Marthe F.



"For the future of Haiti, I hope that the leaders of the country will consent a lot of effort for its development. As a Louverturian, I am going to do all possible to participate in this development. Even if I don't start by doing huge things, I know that making little steps is going to have a big impact in the future."

— Holdy Bertrand C.

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"What you receive for free, you must give for free"

— Matthew 10:8